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FM AMCONSUL MEDELLIN

TO EECSTATE WASHDC 762

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MINING COMPANY OFFICIALS IN GOOD SHAPE

1. THE CONSUL SPOKE FRIDAY MARCH 15 WITH FRONTINO MINE MANAGER ROBERT SWAIN. THE CONSUL CONVEYED TO SWAIN CHARGE WHITE'S PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SAFE RETURN OF THE TWO MINING OFFICIALS AND THE USG'S SATISFACTION THAT THEIR ORDEAL HAS ENDED.

2. SWAIN EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY SAME TO KAST AND DOTSON. SWAIN INDICATED THAT BOTH ARE DOING WELL AND SEEM HEALTHY. THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT BOTH WILL REMAIN WORKING AT FRONTINO FOR THE TIME BEING. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ABOUT WHETHER THEY WILL STAY ON PERMANENTLY.

3. SWAIN SAID HE HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE COMMANDANT OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE EXPRESSING HIS PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO THE ARMED FORCES FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO RETRIEVE THE HOSTAGES UNHARMED (THE LETTER APPEARED IN THE PRESS MARCH 15).

4. THE CONSUL SUGGESTED THAT IF KAST AND DOTSON HAVE THE
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OPPORTUNITY THEY MIGHT DROP BY THE EMBASSY ON THEIR NEXT

TRIP TO BOGOTA. THE CONSUL SAID HE KNOWS MR. WHITE WOULD
LIKE TO GREET THEM PERSONALLY AND THAT OBVIOUSLY WE ARE
ALL INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES. SWAIN
SAID THEIR EXPERIENCES WERE INDEED FASCINATING AND THAT
HE WOULD PASS THE SUGGESTION TO THEM. THE CONSUL EMPHASIZED,
AND SWAIN UNDERSTOOD, THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE INFORMAL
AND AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TWO MEN, SHOULD THEY SO
DESIRE.
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